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RE: TRA Dockets No. 97-00409 and No. 97-01181

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Please allow this letter to serve as a notice of appearance by this firm as counsel to Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State. Please direct future correspondence regarding these cases to my attention. Thank you.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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